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SHOCK-ABSORBING MATERIAL FOR AUTOMOBILE AND AUTOMOTIVE
MEMBER FORMED OF THE MULTI-LAYER EXPANSION-MOLDED
ARTICLE OF POLYPROPYLENE RESIN**

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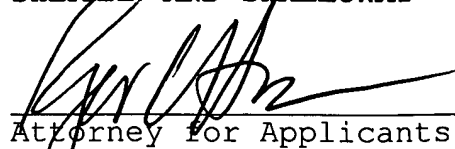
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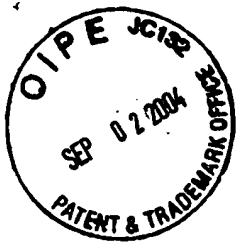
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Pursuant to Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97-1.99, the documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A are being brought to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. The enclosed statement is being filed after a first action on the merits but before the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113, or a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311. Accordingly, the enclosed statement is accompanied by a check in the amount of \$ 180.00 required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p).

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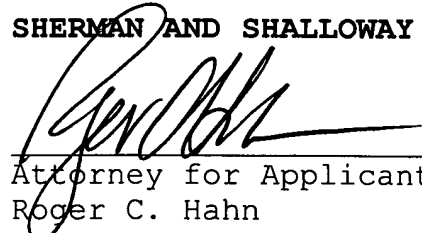
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If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss this application, kindly telephone the undersigned at the below-listed number.

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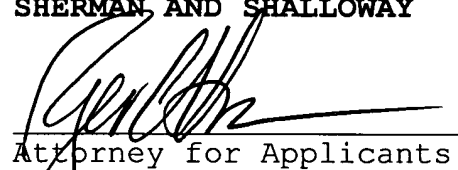
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